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CRIMINAL ALIEN AND MURDER SUSPECT DEPORTED TO MEXICO

Fugitive turned over to Mexican authorities to face murder charges

HOUSTON – A convicted aggravated felon and fugitive from Mexico wanted for murder was deported yesterday by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Detention and Removal Operations officers.

Jose Manuel Segura-Garcia, 36, a Mexican citizen, was taken into custody by ICE April 6 after serving two years of a five-year sentence at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) for delivering marijuana in June 2003.

ICE agents identified Segura-Garcia as part of their routine checks on foreign-born criminal aliens serving prison sentences at local prisons. These prison checks help protect the community by ensuring that criminal aliens aren't released to the U.S. streets. They're first taken



into ICE custody while being placed into removal proceedings. Ultimately, they're deported to their countries of origin. In this case, the Mexican Attorney General requested Segura-Garcia be deported and turned over to the Mexican authorities to face murder charges.

"Segura-Garcia's criminal past has caught up to him," said Charles Arendale, ICE Houston field office director for Detention and Removal Operations. "We partner with not only local, state and federal law enforcement authorities, but also with international law enforcement as well."

Segura-Garcia has been arrested several times for DUI since 1985. He was also arrested for: possessing controlled substances, unlawfully possessing a firearm, evading arrest and delivering marijuana.

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He illegally entered the United States near Progresso, Texas, in August 1985. Segura-Garcia tried to apply for immigration benefits, but was denied.

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